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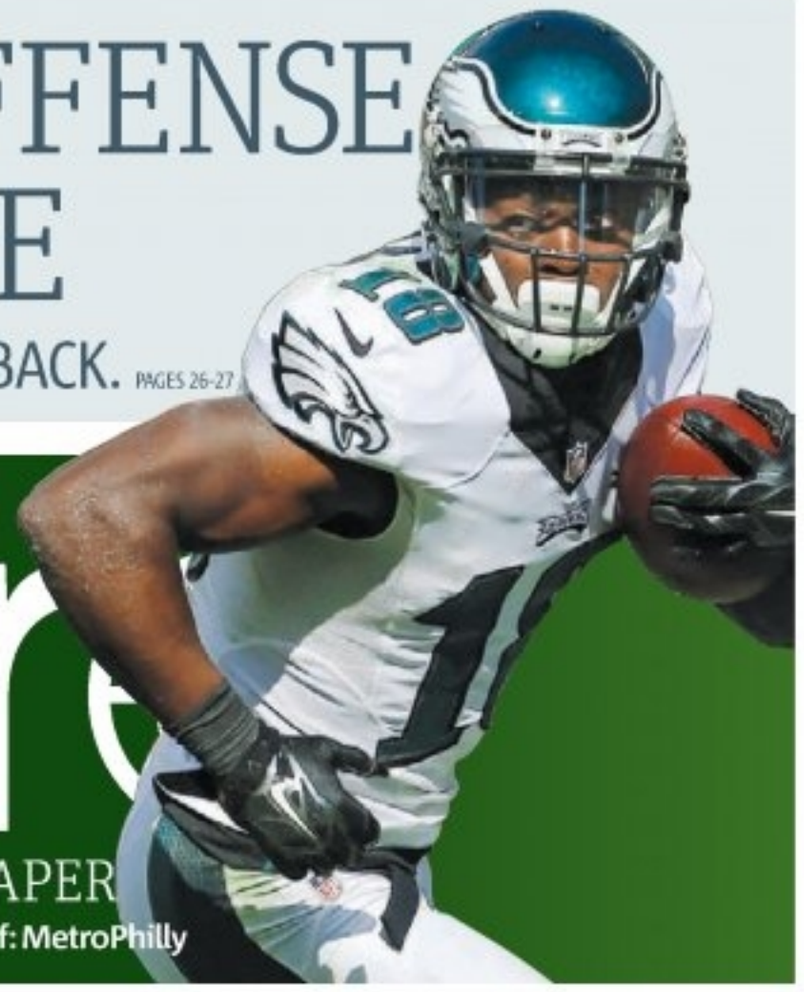

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Education. Public school students return today to their "underfunded" and "understaffed" schools — a situation that Mayor Michael Nutter has called "horrible." Superintendent William Hite says the district needs millions to rebuild, but no one is certain where those millions will come from. PAGE 02

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Mayor Michael Nutter and Superintendent William Hite spoke about the need for Harrisburg to approve a city cigarette tax to help fund Philadelphia schools. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

Schools open today under money crisis

Philadelphia. City leaders have called the School District of Philadelphia "a disgrace," but who can fix it?

On Aug. 5, Mayor Michael Nutter addressed the Democratic state Senate Appropriations Committee on the importance of passing a $2-a-pack cigarette tax to help fund the School District of Philadelphia, which is still pending.

Nutter told the committee about the $325 million in new revenue the city has come up with through new taxes over the past four years, along with 5,000 layoffs, closing 32 schools and reducing administrative costs by 50 percent to close the budget deficit.

But the usually composed mayor's voice rose to a shout as he described the ongoing conditions in Philly public schools.

"We are having a conversation about trying to maintain inadequate — to fill a hole. Not one new person, not one new service, not one new program, not one new class — nothing new," said Nutter, voice thundering through City Council chambers. "Same old thing from last year, which was horrible. That's what we're talking about."

Schools open today, but Superintendent William Hite has warned that if the cigarette tax is not passed, further budget cuts and layoffs may be announced this fall. The tax is expected to bring in more than $80 million a year, all for Philly public schools.

But Hite has also said that to begin rebuilding schools — with resources like full-time nurses and guidance counselors, arts and music programs — the district needs a further $225 million in funds.

"I don't see, frankly speaking, where that $200-plus million could be made up on the local level, so we would clearly be looking toward the state for its contribution," said Council President Darrell Clarke. "We're tapped out. We can't continue to increase taxes and only put revenue in the School District, because the state has failed to live up to it's share of funding."

The campaign of Republican Gov. Tom Corbett, up for re-election Nov. 4, said in an email that Corbett believes teachers' union concessions and pension reform could help the district's finances.

The campaign of Democratic candidate for governor Tom Wolf said in an email that, if elected, Wolf would seek a 5 percent tax on fracking to help fund schools.

"Will it be simply a matter of [Wolf] saying 'I'm gonna enact a tax on Marcellus shale,' and it happens because he says it? Absolutely not. But at least the conversation, in terms of additional funding, starts in the governor's office," Clarke said.

But Mark Gleason, executive director of the Philadelphia Schools Partnership — a philanthropic group that invests in public, private and charter schools — said that rising pension costs at schools could, for example, take up all projected cigarette tax revenue within three or four years.

"Neither the city nor the state is delivering stable, predictable funding for schools," Gleason said. "I support finding new revenue to pay for schools, but politically it's always hard to raise taxes."

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Different strategy

Some leaders think more systemic change is needed.

- State Rep. John Taylor said he thinks Philadelphia schools might benefit from an elected school board with the power to raise taxes, as is common across the country. He said such a board could consolidate school funds decision-making and responsibility.
- "All the discussion —it won't be council, it won't be the Office of Property Assessment, it won't be the mayor, it would be school board members," Taylor said. "Who do you blame? ... We blame that guy, the head of the school board."
- Clarke said he doesn't support that idea, as elected offices already exist with the power to raise taxes.

School funds

A breakdown of what the district has and what it needs:

$2.6B
Philadelphia School District budget

$225M
The amount needed to rebuild slashed school resources

$45M
The amount needed to prevent layoffs and skyrocketing class sizes this school year

What people are saying

"I just pray and hope that schools don't shut down before he gets to 12th grade. Once he gets out, after that, we don't care. ... I give up on everything. They're gonna do what they're gonna do. It don't even matter to me. It don't matter."

Ella Jones, 47, whose son is starting sixth grade

"I think it's a bad situation. I hope it gets better. It was better for me when I was in school [in 2007]."

Ashley Walker, 24, whose friend's son, 9, can't get into special ed

"The schools don't have anything. They don't even have supplies. You might as well do home-schooling."

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Nutter leads the march back to school

Mayor Michael Nutter, Councilman Curtis Jone and more will escort students to the first day of school this morning.

They will begin at House of Umoja — a group organizing the Million Father March — stop at Bluford Guion University Charter and end at Commodore John Barry Promise Academy. METRO

Center City

Casey calls for nurse in every school

As students return to their classrooms today, Sen. Bob Casey will call for a nurse in every school in the city and across the country outside of 30th Street Station at 11 a.m. METRO

Fans watch the Eagles fly on Sunday

Fans tailgated in FDR Park in South Philadelphia before Sunday's Eagles home opener against the Jacksonville Jaguars. Tim Bowlby, 10, inset, from Newark, Delaware, shouts during a two-man scrimmage. The Eagles came back in the second half to win 34-17. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

Cobbs Creek. Gunman shoots two, kills one

A double shooting in the Cobbs Creek neighborhood of West Philadelphia on Saturday night left a man dead and another one close to death, police said on Sunday.

A suspect, who has yet to be identified by authorities as of press time, went to an apartment building around 8 p.m. on the 5300 of Angora Terrace. NBC10 Philadelphia reported that the gunman was arguing with a man named Ben Cook, who lived at the apartment complex.

Reports say the gunman then allegedly started shooting, hitting Cook in his armpit and in his chest.

A third man — who reports say was visiting Cook at his apartment at the time — ran down the stairs when he heard the gunshots.

The gunman then allegedly starting shooting again, hitting the man, whom NBC10 identified as 24-year-old Eric Clenahan, in the head and chest.

The gunman threw his gun down and fled, investigators said.

The weapon was recovered by police at the scene of the crime.

When police arrived, they found Cook dead at the scene. As of press time on Sunday, Clenahan — who had been taken to the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania — was listed as in extremely critical condition. METRO

Also at the home

Reports say there was a woman who was in the apartment at the time. Police are questioning her.

- Police also found dozens of marijuana plants inside the apartment where the double shooting took place. It is unknown if the incident was drug-related.

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Celebrating the season of the Lantern Moon

The Lantern Moon Festival was held on Sunday — an Asian-American event celebrating the coming of fall — on Washington Avenue in South Philadelphia. Clockwise from top: Members of the Modero Dance Company chat before performing a traditional dance; Michael Luckenbill represents the Meshin Sogi Kendo martial arts studio; the owners of Omkara Tattoo hang out; families watch a live performance; a girl gets her face painted. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

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Rivers' cause of death was still unknown pending further tests, according to New York City Medical Examiner's Office.

The State Health Department was investigating the Yorkville Endoscopy Center where Rivers was treated. It is reviewing documents and medical records, as well as interviewing staff and physicians at the clinic that opened in 2013. REUTERS

Yorkville Endoscopy
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Family, friends remember Joan Rivers at a private NYC funeral

Career. Rivers was known for her raspy voice, and the catchphrase, "Can we talk?"

Melissa Rivers and son Cooper Endicott attend the memorial service at Temple Emanu-El. / GETTY IMAGES

Family and friends bid farewell to Joan Rivers, the outspoken comedian who became famous around the world for her acerbic wit and brash style, at a private funeral on Sunday in Manhattan.

Journalists Barbara Walters and Diane Sawyer, comedian Whoopi Goldberg, tycoon Donald Trump, actress Sarah Jessica Parker and comedian Kathy Griffin were among the celebrities who attended the service at Temple Emanu-El, a landmark synagogue on New York's Fifth Avenue where Rivers, 81, was a member of the congregation.

Quoted

"She always delivered. She knew her audience. She was a pioneer in the entertainment industry and just a trendsetter." Buccini

As guests exited the service to the sound of bagpipes, and some mingled and hugged, many hundreds of fans, along with dozens of reporters, photographers and television crews waited behind barricades to get a glimpse of Rivers' friends and family, including her only daughter, Melissa.

Max Buccini, 30, held flowers and praised Rivers for her generosity and the impact she had on the gay community.

Lisa Johnson, 45, who drove five hours from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, with her sister to be there, said she was a lifelong fan of the comedian.

"I grew up watching her. And I have always thought she was just the most hilarious, trailblazing pioneer for women's comedy, women in general. I just love her irreverent take-no-prisoners kind of style. She says exactly what she feels, she offends people and owns it," Johnson said.

The sharp-tongued, Brooklyn-born comedian who jokingly wrote about wanting an elaborate funeral, died on Thursday at the New York hospital where she had been rushed a week earlier. She had been put on life support after she stopped breathing during an outpatient procedure at a medical clinic.

No topic or person was off-limits for Rivers, who joked about marriage and sex and was never apologetic about what she said. REUTERS

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Obama to set out his plan to tackle ISIS

Speech. The president on Wednesday will talk about going on the offensive against Islamic State.

President Barack Obama will explain to Americans and congressional leaders this week his plan to go on the offensive against Islamic State militants, who he said could eventually become a threat to the United States.

Obama said he will make a speech on Wednesday to "describe what our game plan's going to be," and will meet congressional leaders on Tuesday to seek their support for his strategy to halt the militant Islamist group.

"I just want the American people to understand the nature of the threat and how we're going to deal with it and to have confidence that we'll be able to deal with it," Obama said in an interview with NBC's "Meet the Press" that aired on Sunday. The interview was conducted in Washington on Saturday. REUTERS

PRESIDENT OBAMA
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Iraq

Air strikes target insurgents near Haditha Dam

U.S. warplanes carried out four strikes on Islamic State insurgents menacing Iraq's Haditha Dam on Sunday, witnesses and officials said, widening what President Barack Obama called a campaign to curb and ultimately defeat the jihadist movement.

Obama has branded Islamic State an acute threat to the West as well as Middle East and said that key NATO allies stand ready to back Washington in action against the well-armed sectarian force.

The leader of a pro-Iraqi government paramilitary force in western Iraq said the air strikes wiped out an Islamic State patrol trying to attack the dam - Iraq's second biggest hydroelectric facility that also provides millions with water. REUTERS

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House-sized asteroid buzzes past Earth

Found. Earth's latest celestial visitor was spotted on Aug. 31 by the Catalina Sky Survey near Tucson, Arizona.

NASA currently tracks more than 11,000 asteroids in orbits that pass relatively close to Earth

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A recently discovered asteroid about the size of a house made a relatively close pass by Earth on Sunday, flying just past the communication satellites that circle the planet, scientists said.

NASA said the asteroid, known as 2014 RC, posed no threat, though at its closest approach it was only about one-tenth the distance to the moon, or roughly 25,000 miles from Earth.

Communications and weather satellites are generally located in orbits about 22,000 miles above the planet.

"While this celestial object does not appear to pose any threat to Earth or satellites, its close approach creates a unique opportunity for researchers to observe and learn more about asteroids," NASA said in a statement released last week.

Asteroid 2014 RC is slightly smaller than the 65-foot diameter asteroid that exploded over Chelyabinsk, Russia, last year

The asteroid's closest approach was over New Zealand at 6:18 a.m. on Monday, which was actually 2:18 p.m. EDT in the U.S. on Sunday, NASA said. **REUTERS**

Diameter

60

With a diameter of about 60 feet, Asteroid 2014 RC will be too dim to see with the naked eye, but amateur astronomers with small telescopes might be able to catch a glimpse as it zips by, NASA said.

Arrests made

Indiana woman missing for two months found alive

An Indiana woman missing for two months and apparently held captive has been found alive. Authorities have arrested two people in connection with her July disappearance, police said on Sunday.

Joelle Lockwood, 30, went missing on July 9 and was apparently held in a residence in Indiana's Posey County, the Evansville Police Department said in a statement. Lockwood had last been seen in Evansville before disappearing.

She was freed after a man visiting the suspects got her out of the residence and brought her to Evansville, where detectives interviewed her then went to the residence and arrested the suspects, police said. **REUTERS**

NBA. Hawks' owner to sell control of team, cites racist remarks

In an echo of a scandal involving the former owner of the Los Angeles Clippers NBA team, the owner of the Atlanta Hawks announced on Sunday he is selling his controlling interest in the National Basketball Association franchise because of remarks he made that he says were racially insensitive.

Fans have a right to be angry about an internal email Hawks owner Bruce Levenson wrote two years ago about the need to boost attendance and how black and white fans differed in what they preferred to see at Hawks' games, Levenson said.

"In trying to address those issues, I wrote an email two years ago that was inappropriate and offensive," Levenson said in a statement released by the Atlanta Hawks.

His email to the team general manager, Danny Ferry, which addressed ways to boost the number of season ticket holders, delved into racial makeup of fans at the Hawks arena and suggested that Southern white men might not be comfortable in an arena with a high percentage of fans who were African-American. **REUTERS**

LEVENSON'S ANNOUNCEMENT CAME JUST OVER FOUR MONTHS AFTER NBA COMMISSIONER ADAM SILVER BANNED CLIPPERS OWNER DONALD STERLING FROM THE LEAGUE.

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Disease

Obama: US must fight Ebola now

The United States needs to do more to help control West Africa's deadly Ebola outbreak to stop it becoming a global crisis that could one day threaten Americans, President Barack Obama said in an interview.

Obama told NBC's "Meet the Press" that the outbreak, which has killed 2,100 people in five African countries, was unlikely to spread to the United States in the short term.

But he added there could be implications if Washington and other powers did not send urgently needed equipment, public health workers and other supplies to the region.

"If we don't make that effort now, and this spreads not just through Africa but other parts of the world, there's the prospect then that the virus mutates. It becomes more easily transmittable," he said. REUTERS

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India

Modi visits Kashmir after floods kill 175

The death toll from serious flooding in Indian-administered Kashmir climbed to 175 on Sunday, with homes, military bases and hospitals inundated in the region's main city Srinagar as the Jhelum river overflowed its banks.The worst flooding there in 60 years has ruined crops. REUTERS

Obama delays immigration action until after elections

Vote. Democrats could be hurt if Latino voters stay home and do not vote in close midterm races.

President Barack Obama reversed course on Saturday and delayed taking executive action on immigration reform until after November congressional elections, bowing to concerns it could cost his fellow Democrats control of the U.S. Senate.

Obama had promised in a high-profile White House appearance in June to announce unilateral measures by the end of summer if Congress did not enact immigration reform legislation.

But Obama said the surge of nearly 63,000 children from Central America crossing the border to the United States in the past year had made Americans wary of new immigration measures.

"The truth of the matter is that the politics did shift midsummer because of that problem," Obama said in an interview with NBC's "Meet the Press."

A White House official cited partisan politics as the main reason for the delay, saying taking action before the election would harm long-term prospects for reforming immigration laws. REUTERS

Central American immigrants await transportation to a U.S. Border Patrol processing center after crossing the Rio Grande from Mexico into the Texas on July 24, 2014, near Mission, Texas. / GETTY IMAGES

Immigrants

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Obama said he plans to act later this year, which is expected to remove the threat of deportation for some of the 11 million undocumented immigrants living in the United States.

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OMG! The artist who paints a self-portrait with his own blood

Lawson demonstrates how he makes the image / TED LAWSON

He's literally drawn blood for his art: U.S. artist Ted Lawson created a life-sized, nude self-portrait with his own blood. The 44-year-old from Brooklyn, New York, fed his bodily fluid intravenously through a computer numerical control machine, which then traced out an illustration using a robotic arm. Ted talks about his work, titled "Ghost in the Machine."

What inspired you to make a blood selfie?
In other art I was producing, I used a CNC machine in different ways using different materials and processes. I thought that it would be interesting to try to teach the robot how to make a drawing. I first programmed it to use a self-filling brush and ink device. At some point it occurred to me that I could hack the device to draw in my own blood, which immediately brought up a number of other conceptual possibilities.

What was the main point of the portrait?
To show the connection between the self and the technology that we use constantly as a kind of extension of ourselves. I wanted to show this as a direct and almost organic process. I was also thinking about what a modern day "Shroud of Turin" might look like. This drawing is really a piece for the Internet age. The "selfie" is all about inward-looking culture and collective narcissism, which is clearly having its moment these days. I wanted to capture that moment and find a new context for it.

How did you technically pull off the image?
I started with a photograph, which I first translated into a bitmap image and then into a more complex vector line artwork. From there, the file was converted into a 3-D program and then into G-code, which runs the CNC machine and deals with speeds and paths of motion. I spent a lot of time just developing a way to vacuum the paper to the table so it would stay perfectly flat and not curl up as the blood saturates the paper. The machine is being used the same way as a giant pen, and I allow for errors and glitches to be part of the drawing. The random events make a deeper connection between the code used by the computer and the machine and the much more organic code that is present in blood and DNA and everything else.

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Quoted

"A significant amount, but obviously not enough to kill me and not enough to make me pass out — yet."

Lawson, on how much blood he's used

Reveler ruse

Koreans would give right arm to dodge holiday chores

Fake casts for pretending you have an injured arm to evade having to help prepare holiday meals have become brisk sellers in South Korea ahead of the Chuseok festival.

"We have been selling this for 10 years now, but sales increased drastically starting last week," said a sales manager at an online vendor who declined to be identified.

Both men and women were buying the bogus casts, he said.

During Chuseok, a three-day thanksgiving holiday, women traditionally do most of the work in preparing and cooking elaborate ceremonial dishes while the men of the family chat, drink and watch television.

Quoted

4.9%

Data from the Ministry of Gender, Equality and Family in 2010 showed only 4.9 percent of people said both genders shared the chores.

The holiday gender divide is so entrenched that it has spawned the term "daughter-in-law holiday syndrome," with many young women suffering post-holiday stress.

But getting away with the phony cast may be difficult this year after media outlets reported on brisk sales of the devices in the run-up to the holiday that started Sunday. REUTERS

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Stefani didn't exactly have No Doubt about Rossdale

Gwen Stefani admits that having husband Gavin Rossdale step in as a mentor during her first season as a judge on "The Voice" made her feel a little uneasy. "It was just awkward. We've only collaborated on making babies," Stefani says, according to Fox News, describing skills that probably wouldn't fly during a network primetime show. Actually, strike that. (See: "Sex Box" on the WE network, or maybe don't see it.) The No Doubt singer was worried that she and Rossdale would clash over musical styles and tastes, which could be especially awkward in front of a national audience, but apparently she was worrying for no reason. "It was right at the beginning of the show and I was just getting my feet wet, so having him there was kind of rad."

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Simmons, left, is shown here performing with KISS singer Paul Stanley and a KISS tribute band at a restaurant opening in Kansas. Yeah, perhaps rock 'n' roll really is dead. / ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

You can KISS rock 'n' roll goodbye

Gene Simmons says rock 'n' roll is dead. Never one for melodramatic statements, the KISS leader complained to Esquire recently that the system has changed. "Rock is finally dead. I am so sad that the next 15-year-old kid in a garage someplace in St. Paul that plugs into his Marshall and wants to turn it up to 10 will not have anywhere near the same opportunity that I did," he says. "The death of rock was not a natural death. Rock did not die of old age. It was murdered. And the real culprit is that kid's 15-year-old next-door neighbor, probably a friend of his. Maybe even one of the band mates he's jamming with."

Quoted

"The death of rock was not a natural death. Rock did not die of old age. It was murdered." Simmons

Say what now?

Oh, right. According to Simmons, this whole tragedy is down to the fact that we as consumers aren't doing enough to support decent, hard-working record companies that therefore can't afford to support musicians like they used to. Shame on us. "There are still record companies, and it does apply to pop, rap and country to an extent," he explains. "But for performers who are also songwriters — the creators — for rock music, for soul, for the blues — it's finally dead."

Wait, why are people still paying attention when Gene Simmons says something controversial? Whenever he opens his mouth and starts that big tongue talking, he says something controversial. The past year alone he's pissed off mental health advocates with his thoughts on depression ("F— you, then kill yourself" was his advice to people threatening suicide) and told the band Black Lips to "learn to speak English."

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Banking on Banderas

Banderas may have been seeing somebody before his divorce.

As his divorce battle with Melanie Griffith rages on, Antonio Banderas has reportedly been finding it harder and harder to hide his affections for Dutch banker Nicole Kempel, the woman he was seen frolicking with in St. Tropez last month. And sources tell Radar Online that the two were already an item before Griffith filed for divorce. "He is really in love with her. He comes to France to visit her when he can, and they already went for a 10-day vacation together in secret," a source says. "They were hiding everything from everybody because Melanie got a very good divorce lawyer, and I think he was hoping to keep it under wraps until the end of the divorce."

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Paltrow considers even more change

Paltrow

There's been a lot of change in Gwyneth Paltrow's life recently, so what's a little more? The actress and GOOP guru is reportedly ditching Kabbalah and converting to actual Judaism.

Paltrow appeared on a 2011 episode of "Who Do You Think You Are" — the ancestry investigation reality show — and discovered that she's descended from a long line of rabbis.

She has also previously droned on about how she's raising her kids in the Jewish faith, so I guess this all makes sense.

Still, I'm sure she can work up a GOOP post about it to make it seem impressively insufferable. We can see it now: "Being a full-time mom is easy compared to being an actress, especially an actress who has to learn a new religion!"

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Updating the classics

Theater. Fringe artists take on Shakespeare and Frankenstein in these twists on known tales.

As a rule, the Fringe Festival is all about the shock of the new. But that doesn't mean Fringe artists leave the past completely behind. From Greek tragedies to the Bard, this year's festival features familiar material viewed through the theatrical equivalent of a funhouse mirror. Here are some of the irreverent takes on the classics.

'Till Birnam Wood...'

Through Sept. 14, $12, Studio X, 1340 S. 13th St.
With witches, murder and ghosts, "MacBeth" may be Shakespeare's darkest play. But it's never been as dark as in the hands of actor/director John Schultz, who is blindfolding his audience, making the question, "Is this a dagger which I see before me?" more unanswerable than ever.

'iHamlet'

Through Sept. 20, $25, Philadelphia Shakespeare Theatre, 2111 Sansom St.
"To be" seems the only option here; otherwise, South African playwright Robin Malan's pared-down adaptation would be completely silent. Malan's one-actor distillation cuts out everything that doesn't emerge from the mouth of the Danish Prince himself — or herself, in this case, with Hamlet being played by local actress Melissa Dunphy.

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The Philadelphia Opera Collective's "Frankenstein" is performed before a small audience sipping wine and relaxing in armchairs. / PROVIDED

Mary Shelley

'By You That Made Me, Frankenstein'

Sept. 12-21, $20, The Franklin Inn Club, 205 S. Camac St.
Perhaps recognizing a kindred spirit in the resurrection of a moribund entity, the Philadelphia Opera Collective continues its mission of engaging modern audiences with a new adaptation of Mary Shelley's landmark horror novel, this one intimately set among the book-lined parlor of Philadelphia's oldest writer's club.

'The Hunchback of Notre Dame... A Mute Play'

Sept. 11-22, $20, First Presbyterian Church, 201 S. 21st St.
The Renegade Company, best known for performing "Moby Dick" in a bathtub, returns with a version of Victor Hugo's oft-adapted novel. The production takes its cues from German silent cinema.

'Antigone Sr./ Twenty Looks or Paris is Burning at The Judson Church (L)'

Sept. 12-13, $29, FringeArts, 140 N. Columbus Blvd.
Choreographer Trajal Harrell keeps the all-male cast for Sophocles' play while updating the Greek tragedy with a New York runway set, pop culture references and voguing.

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A nicer Seth

Seth Green gets to play the drums in "The Identical." / FREESTYLE RELEASING

Interview. The actor is really happy to be in something as nakedly positive as "The Identical."

Since he first started acting as a child, Seth Green has been a diverse performer. He may be mostly known for comedy, like "Robot Chicken," "Austin Powers" and "Family Guy," but he also spent three years on "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" (despite being cut from the 1991 movie) and regularly does serious voicework in cartoons. "The Identical" seems unusual even for him: It's a quasi-religious musical drama, in which he plays a drummer and the best friend of a man (Blake Rayne) who's actu-

In "The Identical," Seth Green plays the best friend of a man whose twin is an Elvis-esque musician. / GETTY IMAGES

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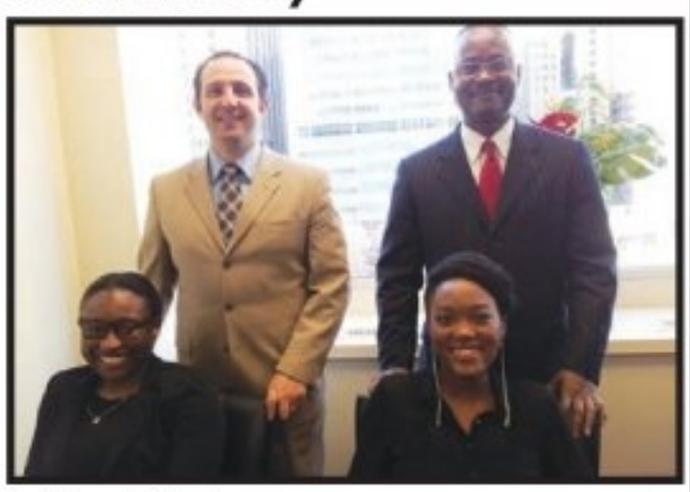

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Green

ally the secret twin of an Elvis-like superstar.

You've played musicians before. Oz on "Buffy" played guitar. You're character here is a drummer. Have you drummed before?
Not really. My friend Breckin is a drummer, and when we were teenagers he showed me some basic things that I then continued to quasi-practice, whenever the radio was on. But I never really played the drums. I had a coach and we decided that instead of me learning how to play drums he would teach me how to play these songs. I looked at the songs like choreography. Instead of learning to catch a beat, it was like "left foot, right foot, hand left." That made it more accomplish-able.

On comedy

"All of the kids who grew up with the incredibly sincere messages of the '80s have spit them back out as post-ironic self-awareness. Then that has informed the younger generation, who have grown up almost without empathy."
Green

Was music what really drew you to this film, or was there something else?
This story uses Elvis so it can create an allegory about nature vs. nurture. Blake spends the entire movie feeling like there's something missing in his life and he can't explain why. And then he finds he has a twin, and not only that, that he loves music and feels inclined to sing — that he needs to perform and doesn't feel comfortable unless he's doing his thing. This is a relatable story, growing up and feeling like your life is not yours. It's such a magical thing when you're able to chase the thing that defines you — when you do what you're supposed to be doing here. For me, that's acting.

This is definitely one of the nicer films you've done.
[Laughs] I do a lot of comedy stuff, and comedy by present cultural definition is somewhat cynical, especially in the last 20 years. All of the kids who grew up with the incredibly sincere messages of the '80s have spit them back out as post-ironic self-awareness. Then that has informed the younger generation, who have grown up almost without empathy. [Laughs] Just a very entitled, digital generation who don't know how to interact with each other in real life. It's a strange time. So I like being a part of positive things. This movie is so sweet and heartfelt — and all the opportunities it has to be trite, it's just sincere.

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Cha-ching!

His secret life

When he was 17, Green actually lived out the famous "Simpsons" episode where Bart becomes briefly popular for the catchphrase "I didn't do it." Green — who had already starred in the Woody Allen film "Radio Days" — acted in a commercial for the fast food joint Rally's where he said "Cha-ching." The catchphrase took off and he suddenly found himself super popular — sort of.

"It was one of the craziest things I've ever experienced," he says. "What I noticed was the way our culture defined 'celebrity.' There was this sensation created around this catchphrase that had nothing to do with me as a person or as a performer."

He was even flown out to say "Cha-ching" at a Saints-Raiders game in New Orleans. "I was 17, so I was still getting into a fair amount of trouble. I was still getting thrown over the hood of cars by police on occasion," he recalls. "Now I had two to six armed New Orleans police officers escorting me everywhere. They were giving me their cards and saying, 'My wife wants to cook the "Cha-ching" guy a home-cooked meal.' I was like, 'Man, under other circumstances you would be reading me my rights.'"

Green, in 1987 / GETTY IMAGES

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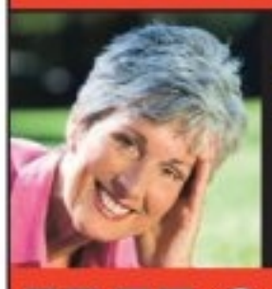
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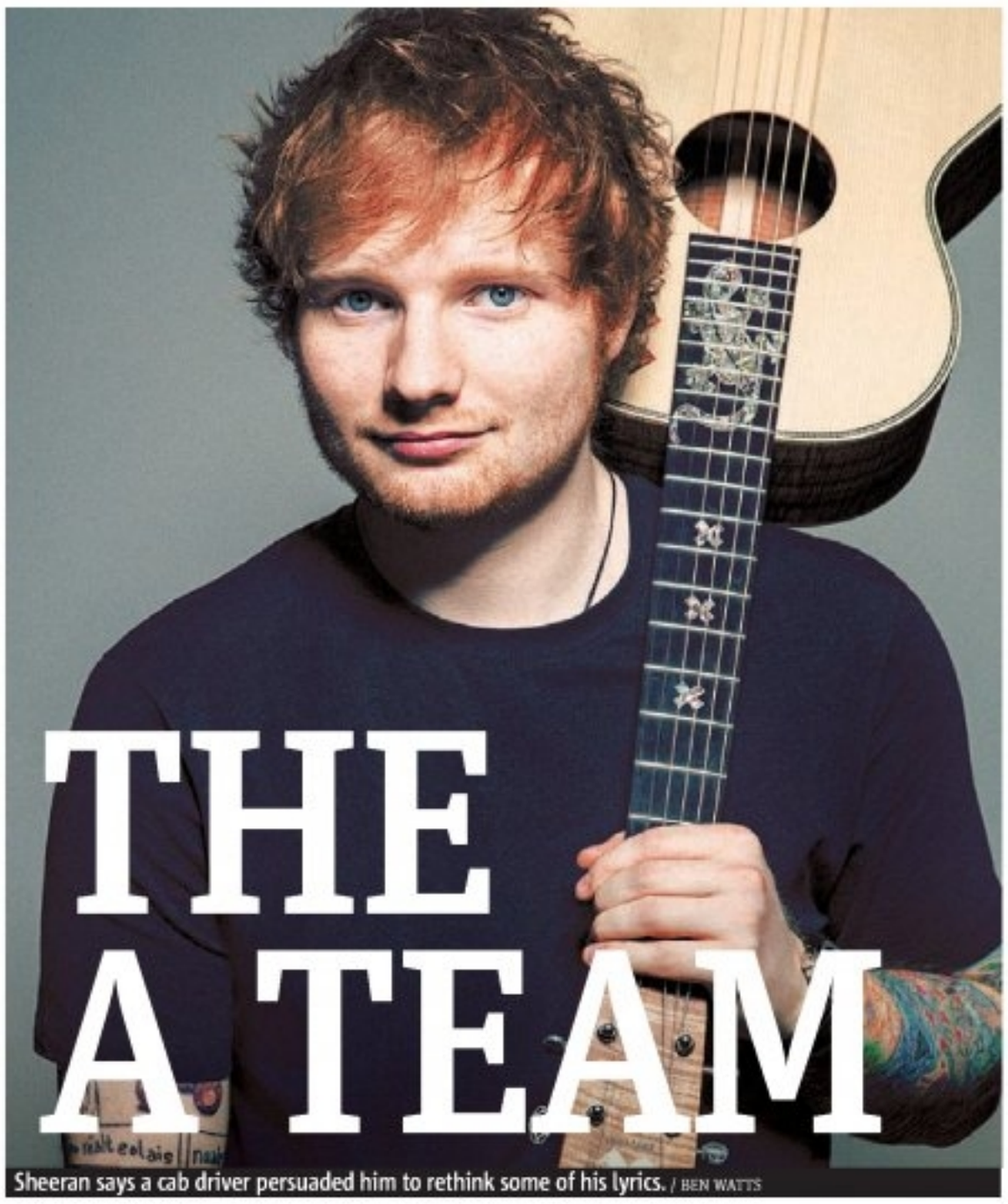

THE A TEAM

Sheeran says a cab driver persuaded him to rethink some of his lyrics. / BEN WATTS

'X' factor. Ed Sheeran may be the singer/songwriter of his generation, but he doesn't know for sure.

On pop charts populated by rappers and dance floor divas, a 23-year-old Brit with an acoustic guitar stands out. Ed Sheeran, whose sophomore album, "X" peaked at the No. 1 position on the Billboard 200 earlier this summer, says he likens his popularity to a niche that needs to be filled.

"I think there is one singer/songwriter for every generation," he says. "I guess I'm just this generation's one."

This statement is characteristic of Sheeran in conversation. There's an element of the grandiosity one needs to become a pop star, but there's also a healthy dose of humility and even a trace of self-doubt. He says the phrase "I guess" about as often as he sings about being drunk.

Sheeran's music is also rife with these levels of certainty.

"I like a lot of different types of music, and I like trying them out, I guess," he says. "I never want to be a one-trick pony, even if I don't master the other crafts."

On his latest single, "Don't," he mixes his natural sense of melody with rap, fuzzy bass, delicate falsetto backgrounds and a sing-along chorus that seems to be missing a certain word.

"That was always the original intention to put it on the record with the swear," he says of the chorus, which was originally "don't f— with my love." Why did he change it? Fear that it wouldn't receive airplay? Concern that the swear would make the tale of infidelity sound too mean? Nope. It was an eventful cab ride from L.A. to Malibu.

"I was chatting with the driver," recounts Sheeran. "We were talking for about an hour and then he said his daughter was a fan and I said, 'Hey can I play you some new stuff?' … On that song he thought I swore too much, so I took it off for him, I guess."

Elsewhere on "X," Sheeran raps about Bon Iver and croons soulfully about how he'll be loving the subject of his song long after "the crowds don't remember my name." What's that about?

"Everyone's got their kind of time slot, depending on how long your audience wants to make your time slot," he says, "so I'm just going to keep going until it starts to fade away, I guess."

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'Don't' ask that

One thing you won't get Sheeran to discuss is who the subject of "Don't" is.

Pointing to the lyric, "me and her, we make money the same way," many were quick to suggest when "X" was first released that it was about Ellie Goulding, with whom Sheeran had been spotted at a few public outings. So who is it about? "No one's got an answer out of me out of me yet," he says, indicating that this interview will be no different.

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Q&A JOSEPH ALTUZARRA
SEX AND POWER: RIGHT ON TARGET

"The pencil skirt with a slit has always been a very sexy piece for me," Joseph Altuzarra told us just as his buzzy collection is poised to hit Target.

Lucky for us, the Paris-born designer didn't shy away from including his signature sizzle to the line he created for the family-friendly retailer. He even dabbled in lingerie for the first time.

The 50-piece collection, hitting stores Sept. 14, seamlessly mixes vamp with office attire. Pencil skirts and dresses with eyebrow-raising slits are paired with banker shirts or demure pussy-bow blouses. Harness belts add authority to bohemian flounce, and python prints and moody black set the tone: This woman means business.

Altuzarra's been designing clothes for self-assured, seductive women since launching his brand in 2008. It's why fashion power girls such as Carine Roitfeld and Vanessa Traina quickly flocked to his side. Now the CFDA Womenswear Designer of the Year, who cut his teeth at Marc Jacobs and Givenchy, is bringing this sexy sway to the masses. Someone has to balance out all the normcore, right?

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Congratulations on your Target line! The collection amazingly evokes both a high-level executive and a woman going on a hot date. How is that?
Thank you. When designing this collection, we kept in mind the Altuzarra woman: A woman who is confident, empowered and sophisticated. She wants to feel sexy and seductive, no matter the occasion. She has a high appreciation for quality tailoring and considered design, and wants to wear this clothing whether she's at work or going out at night.

You always describe your clothes as being for a woman not a girl. What do you like or dislike about the way girls dress these days?
For me what is the most interesting is the mentality and mindset of somebody — so it's not necessarily about age specifically, but more about frame of mind. Women tend to have a different sense of maturity and confidence, which is what I look for and keep in mind with my designs.

What item have you gotten the best feedback on?
The trench coat with peplum back has fit every woman who tries it on perfectly.

What's the most fun thing you've done this summer?
Planning for my wedding.

What are your thoughts on normcore?
We went through an era of runway clothing that might have been disconnected to women's everyday life, and it is refreshing that the runway and reality seem to now be dovetailing.

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Bonus question

Your clothes ooze sophistication, but what does an Altuzarra woman wear on, say, a relaxed Sunday? Or weekend getaway?
No matter what the Altuzarra woman is doing, she wears something that allows her to look sexy and feel beautiful. For example, a white T-shirt with the red velvet blazer from the Target collection paired with a great skinny jean — it is a casual, comfortable yet sophisticated look. Or ... the sequined maxi dress is sexy, effortless and beautiful.

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Subversive sweetness at New York Fashion Week

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Altuzarra

"Rosemary's Baby" is as much a fashionista's dream as it is a cinephile's: '60s shift dresses, little-girl nightgowns and (of course) Mia Farrow's icon-making Sassoon haircut. But for his runway riff on the film, Joseph Altuzarra eschewed such tired tropes. Instead, he seized on its heroine's kinky, subversive sweetness for one of his best collections to date.

The show opened with a series of seersucker skirt suits and dresses in angelic pink gingham, but with thigh-high slits and seams sliced open and held together with ribbon. Things got hotter from there: wispy sweaters with plunging necklines, peek-a-boo lattice leather skirts and tops, and sheer black negligee dresses. Rosemary's transition from naif to quintessential Altuzarra woman ended, however, in an explosion of romantic color and light: with delicate, wispy, crinkled dresses in golds and corals that communicated freedom, power and a confident sensuality. **RAQUEL LANERI**

Prabal Gurung

Prabal Gurung kitchen-sinked it — for good reason, though. Inspired by his native Nepal — the snow-capped Himalayas, the "lush hillsides dotted with wild roses and rhododendrons"— the designer threw in every beautiful detail he could get his hands on.

Shimmering beads, ostrich feathers, intricate hand-painted lace and cascading ruffles all made appearances. Yet look past the melange of embellishments and another theme jumps out: the tango between the sporty and the feminine.

Black-leather strips toughened up breezy, printed dresses; sinuous shawl-like lapels softened sharp tuxedo jackets; and the finale of chiffon evening gowns had athletic tank bodices. Visual overload? Yes. But street-style stars need something to peacock in. **TINA CHADHA**

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Back to School 101

How to set yourself up for success before your first class.

Going off to college is the first chance for young adults to assert themselves. That freedom to build their own lives, especially if they're studying far from home, can affect their entire educational experience — for better or worse. We asked Dr. Warren Seigel, chairman of pediatrics/adolescent medicine at Coney Island Hospital in New York City, for some practical advice for the Class of 2018 on getting a healthy start to their college career.

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Manage your new freedom by making your own rules. (No, we don't mean: "No rules.") / GETTY IMAGES

1 Body

"In order to do well in school, you need to be healthy," Seigel says. That means getting the necessary vaccines (TDAP, meningitis, HPV and an annual flu shot) and adequate sleep and exercise.

2 Nutrition

Seigel sees patients return over winter break having gained "an enormous amount of weight" because they're eating pizza six days a week. Be smart about what you're putting in your body — and for your grades' sake, don't go to class hungry.

3 Security

Lock down your personal documents and computer if you're in a dorm. "Although it's their room, they're part of a larger world," Seigel warns. Even if you trust your roommates, you likely aren't the only ones coming and going.

4 Mind

Living on your own can feel like an opportunity — or a huge challenge. "When you move out of your house and your support system changes, you can often get very depressed, isolated and lonely. Make sure that you never feel like you have absolutely no support."

5 Sex

Condoms, contraception and consent remain the big themes. But when it comes to exploring all the new experiences suddenly available to you, Seigel advises holding onto the values you arrived with on campus. That being said, be prepared: Find a dispensary for emergency contraception, even if you don't think you'll need it.

6 Alcohol

Being of age for some things only means you might get into more trouble for breaking other rules, like underage drinking. "It can be devastating if you're going to a campus with a zero-tolerance policy for drinking," Seigel warns.

PLUS

7 Eyes on the prize

Keep perspective

"If you're going off to college, every now and then remind yourself why you're there. It's such a great opportunity in your life; have a great time, but at the end of four years, you really do want a degree," Seigel says. You also don't want to stretch out your budget and put off your career for an extra year or two because you lost focus.

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A new way to read textbooks in the digital age

Packback believes that students who are coming of age in the digital era will turn to e-textbooks. / WAVEBREAK MEDIA

Back to school. A new startup wants to change the way students purchase their books.

The beginning of the new college semester also means that its time for lots of grumbling from college students about the price of textbooks.

"It's a no-brainer that textbooks are expensive, but no one was asking why," says Kasey Gandham, the co-founder of Packback, a site that provides digital rentals of university textbooks. "Many people rush to the used book market, but anytime a used book was sold, publishers don't get anything — which raises the price of new textbooks. It's just a vicious cycle of increasing costs."

Packback allows students to rent digital books for $3 to $5 a day. "They are saving hundreds on underused books, while publishers are reclaiming lost revenue," Gandham explains.

Building the company

Packback was formed when all of its founders were still undergraduates at the University of Illinois. Working with Mike Shannon, Jessica Tenuta and Nick Currier, Gandham and the group came up with the idea while talking about books in 2001. "We started our junior year," says Gandham. "By our senior year, a typical day was that we'd stay up until 3 or 4 in the morning talking to our offshore team in India. We would have meetings in between classes or sometimes miss classes for meetings."

Breaking down the rental process

Here's how the program works: After students find the book they need on Packback's site, they will get 24 hours of digital access upon renting it. "You can highlight, take notes, read it on different devices," explains Gandham. "After 24 hours, your access is gone, but all of your notes and highlights are saved."

How students use Packback to study

Contrary to the belief that students spend all of their time on their phones and tablets, Gandham says the vast majority of users are accessing their digital books on their desktops.

There is one instance when Packback's users are rushing to use the service on their phones. "People use mobile to cram," notes Gandham. According to the company's research, 80 percent of its users have accessed books on their phones in a pinch.

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The investors

Swimming in the 'Shark Tank'

The company had its public launch in March, and since then Gandham says they've raised a million dollars in venture funding. A big breaks came earlier this year when the team appeared on the hit ABC show "Shark Tank," in which small companies make their sales pitch to an all-star team of venture capitalists. Their idea caught the eye of businessman and NBA owner Mark Cuban, who decided to back the company with a $250,000 investment. Since then, says Gandham, entrepreneurs and NBA players have invested in the company.

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Prospective students. Are video applications the future?

Goucher College in Maryland is allowing prospective students to create an application video through the school's app. WAVEBREAK MEDIA

Will the college application as we know it soon be a thing of the past? Goucher College seems to think so. The liberal arts college in Maryland recently announced that it will begin accepting video applications from prospective students this fall.

Instead of submitting a traditional application, high school seniors now have the option of creating a two-minute video in which they explain why they want to go to Goucher and why they feel they would thrive there. There's also an added bonus for students who go the video route: Those who choose to do so will not have to submit any standardized scores or a transcript.

A video posted to Goucher's YouTube channel touts the freedom that the new video option gives students. "I'm more than just a number," several students say on camera.

"So maybe test bubbles are not your thing, that's OK," says Goucher's president Jose Bowen in the two-minute spot introducing the Goucher Video App. "We want to know what you want to do with your life, what you want out of college."

Each video will be graded on three categories: content and thoughtfulness, structure and organization, clarity and effectiveness.

Ready for their close-ups

A new trend

While a handful of other colleges have added video components, Goucher is the first to give students the option to completely replace a written application with a video. In 2010, both Tufts and George Mason Universities allowed students to create a YouTube clips to go along with their applications.

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Experiments in baking

The cookies

Hall first came up with the concept of her Petite Cookies during her days as a caterer. "The cookies started off kind of as a joke," she says. "People tend to break off a piece or a half of a cookie and then no one takes the other half. So I started to do these cookies that were so small that no one would break them." The mini cookies were such a hit that customers began requesting them.

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Carla Hall dishes on how to find your dream job

Carla Hall, with "The Chew" co-host Michael Symon, began her culinary career in France. / DISNEY ABC TELEVISION GROUP

Ambition. The TV chef dishes on how she left her corporate job for a career in food.

It was a total leap of faith that led Carla Hall down an unconventional career path that took her from a steady job in accounting to being a co-host of the popular daytime talk show "The Chew."

After graduating from Howard University with a degree in accounting, Hall landed a job as a CPA at PriceWaterHouseCoopers in Tampa, Florida. Things were going fairly well until she had a light bulb moment while working with a more senior colleague on an audit.

"I looked at the accountant working next to me and he was folding the receipts very carefully so that the edges matched up perfectly," says Hall. "And I just thought, 'That can't be me at 40.' I was so anxious that two weeks later I quit."

Making the jump

Having been a model since her days in college, she began networking and planning her next move. "I met these girls who were going to France," she explains. Hall eventually decided to join them. In preparation, she started taking French lessons from the wife of a former colleague and then — armed with exactly one telephone number — she boarded a trans-Atlantic flight.

Figure out what you really want

It was in France that Hall discovered her love of food. "I was just looking for signs to follow my passion," Hall says. "I sort of fell into food."

Teach yourself the skills you don't have

Because she didn't have any formal training at that point, Hall figured out the basics of cooking on her own. "I was self-taught," she says. "I was reading cookbooks."

After returning to the U.S. from France, Hall launched her own lunch delivery service. "I started it as a fluke," she says. "I made a friend lunch one day and brought it to their office and they liked it so much that they said, 'You should make lunch for me every day.'" And so her business, the Lunch Bunch, was born. "I went door-to-door with sandwiches and soups," she recalls. "I did that for five years before I went to culinary school."

There is no such thing as perfect timing

It's important, says Hall, not to talk yourself out of changing your path once you've made a decision to follow your dream. "If you try to plan, you'll never do it," she points out. "The timing will never be right. You really have to take a leap of faith."

Stick with it if you really want it

"I didn't know how to wrap my sandwiches when I got started," says Hall. "I worked seven days a week. You have to prepare yourself mentally, because it is a free-fall."

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"I looked at the accountant working next to me and he was folding the receipts very carefully so that the edges matched perfectly. And I just thought, 'That can't be me at 40.'" Hall

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Horoscope

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♎ Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22. A few personal changes will enhance your looks and mood. Keep an eye out for a job that could lead to creative things.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21. Be proud of what you have accomplished. It's OK to let others see you shine. Your creative talents deserve attention, so blow your own horn.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21. Recent events will open your eyes to someone's motives. Don't it prevent you from expressing how you feel.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan. 20. If you have been moody lately, it will be necessary to have an in-depth discussion with the person causing you grief. Don't put the blame elsewhere.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb. 18. Make an effort to implement positive lifestyle changes. Focus on raising your income by strengthening your skills.

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20. A financial opportunity is apparent. Someone may be confused by your recent attitude or opinion. Have an explanation ready.

♈ Aries | March 21-April 20. A career change will help your financial situation. Jump at the chance to enter into a partnership that offers long-term benefits.

♉ Taurus | April 21-May 21. Problems will occur if you are too headstrong or persistent. Do your homework before you make an outspoken declaration, or you will have to backpedal.

♊ Gemini | May 22-June 20. Consider what self-improvements will bring the best results. You can learn a lot if you take the time to listen to opinions.

♋ Cancer | June 21-July 22. Make your own choices. Following someone else's agenda is not an effective way to advance. Aim to be more independent.

♌ Leo | July 23-Aug. 22. A financial change is apparent. Take a proactive approach and show your leadership ability. If you hesitate, you will lose a chance. EUGENIA LAST

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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Letters

Celebrities have no right to privacy

Re: 'Creepy hackers release creepy naked celeb photos for the Internet's creeps' (Metro, Sept. 2) We have to stop our collective hypocrisy and be honest and acknowledge that celebrities do not have privacy. For people like you and me, who cares if we fight with our in-law in the elevators? These are private matters, but not for the celebrities; if we have to know all this information, let us also know how they look like when they are naked or without makeup! Paparazzi is a well-known profession that does not respect our celebs' privacy. Who is morally depraved? Those taking naked photos and sex tapes and posting them on the Net, or those hacking the celeb's passwords?
JEAN KAZADI, VIA EMAIL

Blame the criminal

Re: 'Security works best by being smart about it' (Metro, Sept. 5-7) Letter writer Kim De Riel has the analogy all wrong. It's more like parking your car in your garage, locking the door, locking the keys inside, and then having someone break in and steal them anyway. Hardly makes the victim a "dummy," as she puts it.
AMY MULLEN, VIA EMAIL

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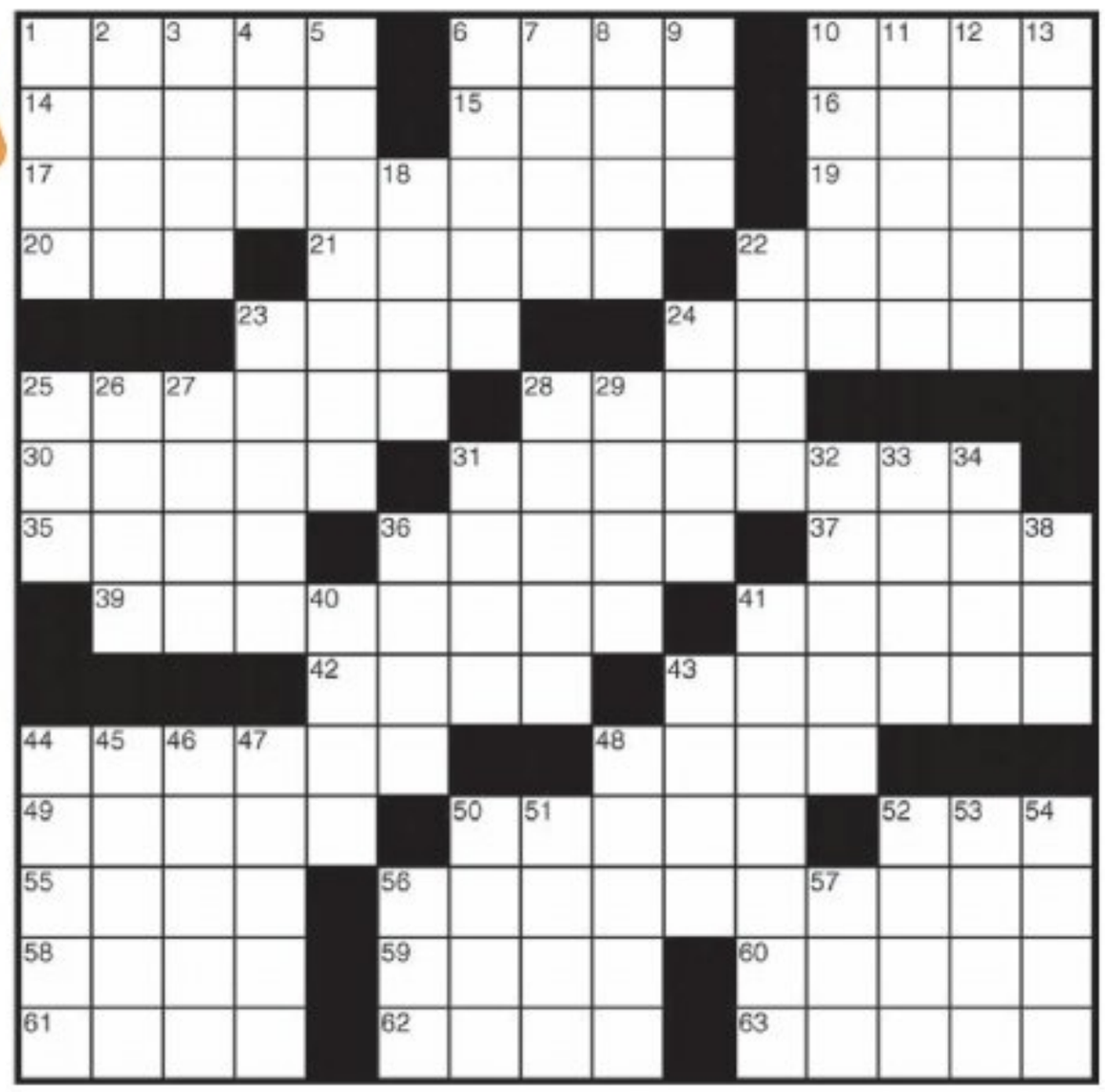

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3 SPORTS

Three-peat

Williams wins US Open

Serena Williams won her third straight U.S. Open title Sunday, defeating Caroline Wozniaki 6-3, 6-3. The title is her sixth in Flushing, New York, and ties her with Chris Evert for the most wins by a woman. She also won her 18th Grand Slam overall, tying her with Evert and Martina Navratilova in that category.

Eagles awaken, score 34 in second half rout

NFL. The Eagles showcased their explosive offense Sunday, coming back from a 17-0 deficit at the half.

When Nick Foles aired it out to Jeremy Maclin for the go-ahead touchdown — a 68-yard bomb midway through the fourth quarter Sunday against the Jaguars — it was as if the Eagles were playing in their second game of the afternoon in a 34-17 victory to open the season.

It wasn't the start Eagles fans expected, and the Eagles looked completely unready for the season to start in the first half, trailing 17-0 when they hit the locker room.

But after they left the tunnel for the second half, the NFC East champs were back, going on to outscore Jacksonville 34-0 in the third and fourth quarters. They also limited the Jaguars to just over 100 yards of offense in the second half.

"I don't think you can just lose your mind over it, you have to have composure and understand it's a long game," Eagles coach Chip Kelly said of falling behind early. "Things are there. We didn't change anything, there wasn't a huge change from a play call standpoint. It was just: 'Hey settle down, this is what they're giving us, they did exactly what we trained for.' It was just a matter of executing."

Darren Sproles converted a fourth-and-one at the Jacksonville 49-yard line into six points, streaking to the end zone and putting the birds on the board at the 11:44 mark.

"Down 17, it feel like we had to go for it on fourth down," Kelly said. "You don't think you're going to get a touchdown out of that. You want the first down and keep the chains moving and some momentum on your side."

Zach Ertz and Foles got on the same wavelength a drive later, when the quarterback finally got into a groove when he found the tight end in the middle of the end zone for his first touchdown pass of 2014, cutting the Jaguars advantage to a field goal, 17-14.

In the fourth quarter, after flexing some defensive muscles, the Eagles tied things at 17 with a 12-play 55-yard drive that resulted in a 51-yard field goal make by Cody Parkey.

And then of course, the 68-yard strike to a wide open Maclin put the Birds ahead for good.

"First and foremost ,the Jaguars are a really good team too," Eagles wide receiver Jordan Matthews said. "They are well coached, well staffed. We respect all, but we fear none."

Jeremy Maclin led all Eagles receivers with 97 yards on just four receptions. / GETTY IMAGES

Quoted

"I think the big thing is, as a team, we stuck together. My teammates stuck with me, we never wavered, we kept fighting. That's why I love these guys."

Nick Foles

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Around the NFL

- **Falcons 37, Saints 34**
Matt Ryan and Drew Brees engaged in a classic shootout Sunday, with Ryan coming out on top.

- **Jets 19, Raiders 14**
Chris Ivory's 71-yard, fourth quarter touchdown and a stingy defense allowed the Jets to get off to the start they wanted to in 2014 with Geno Smith at the helm.

Atlanta's Robert McClain
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- **Steelers 30, Browns 27**
Solid play by Ben Roethlisberger allowed Shaun Suisham to kick a 41-yard, game-winning field goal as time expired in an NFC North thriller.

- **Bills 23, Bears 20**
The Bills pulled off one of the major surprises of Week 1, going into Chicago and beating the highly regarded Bears.

- **Titans 26, Chiefs 10**
A stifling Titans defense picked off Alex Smith three times and QB Jake Locker looked much improved.

- **Texans 17, Redskins 6**
Arian Foster rushed for 103 yards on 27 carries in the first win of the Bill O'Brien era in Houston.

- **Bengals 23, Ravens 16**
A.J. Green's 77-yard touchdown grab with 4:58 remaining in the fourth quarter got the Bengals over the hump in Baltimore.

- **Vikings 34, Rams 6**
Vikings receiver Cordarelle Patterson made the most of his three carries Sunday, rushing for 102 yards and a touchdown.

- **Dolphins 33, Patriots 20**
New England couldn't hang on to a 20-10 halftime lead, falling into dead last in the AFC East

- **Panthers 20, Bucs 14**
Derek Anderson threw two touchdown passes in a big win without Cam Newton.

- **49ers 28, Cowboys 17**
The 49ers jumped ahead early thanks to stellar defense and hung on for the opening day win. **METRO**

NFL. Tale of two halves for Foles, Eagles entire offense

Eight different Eagles caught a pass from Nick Foles. / GETTY IMAGES

Nick Foles is always Nick Foles. Just ask rookie wide receiver Jordan Matthews, who had 37 yards on two receptions during his NFL debut Sunday.

"Nick is consistent, he doesn't change," Matthews said. "He's the same guy every day, same guy in the first quarter, same in the fourth and the same guy Monday as he is Sunday. That's where we get our confidence from, having a leader who is so consistent."

Though his demeanor and intensity may have remained constant during the Eagles' comeback 34-17 win Sunday, his performance on the field certainly did not. In the first half, he collected 139 passing yards with 12-for-24 accuracy, while losing two fumbles and tossing an interception. All of 2013 saw Foles turn the ball over only four times total.

But then in the second, Foles was his old self again, collecting 183 yards, two touchdowns and his fifth career 300-yard game (322 yards total).

The team's 34 points tie for the third-highest second half total in Eagles history, and their offense impressively scored on four of six second-half possessions.

"When you're tested like that, it's all about trust," Eagles linebacker Brandon Graham said. "Nobody in this locker room is going to give up on the team, and we found that out today. It was a great test for us in the beginning of the year, because we are definitely going to have adversity down the line." **EVAN MACY**

Winning by the numbers

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All-purpose yards for Darren Sproles in his Eagles debut (74 rushing, 14 receiving, 62 punt return)

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The Eagles have gained over 400 yards in 13 of their last 17 games.

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Worley reflects on time

MLB. The former Phillies pitcher is enjoying a resurgence in Pittsburgh as he returns this week.

Pittsburgh Pirates starter Vance Worley is unlike most professional athletes. Anyone who recalls Metro's "Worley's World" blog from the 2011-12 seasons may recall how outspoken the Vanimal was back when he was part of the Phillies rotation.

The charismatic hurler waxed about his favorite cheesesteaks, being hassled by overzealous fans (i.e., those in the sports memorabilia business) and how much he loved playing at Citizens Bank Park.

After tanking with the Minnesota Twins after being traded by Phillies general manager Ruben Amaro for Ben Revere, Worley has resurfaced with Pittsburgh, where he has posted a 6-4 record with a 3.05 ERA. He is scheduled to start against the Phillies on Wednesday in the third game of this week's series with Pittsburgh, which is currently in the second wild-card spot after a win over the Cubs on Sunday. They lead the Braves and Brewers, which both lost Sunday, by just half a game.

Worley waxes about his Phillies past, Philadelphia present and what he hopes for in the future during an exclusive chat.

How big is it to return to start against the Phillies?
It's real big. It's where it all started for me. I enjoyed my time playing with the Phillies. I met my wife in Philadelphia and it's still home for us. I've spent a lot of time there with her side of the family. It wasn't easy living in Philadelphia.

Literally, if recollection is correct, you couldn't get out of your lease to your South Jersey home.
No, I couldn't.

Did you ever get rid of it?
Yes, I passed it on to [reliever Phillippe] Aumont. The guy who wouldn't let me out of the lease was a doctor. I couldn't believe it, but Aumont bailed me out of that situation.

After you were traded from the Phillies, you told Metro that Amaro said if he had the chance, that perhaps he would reacquire you at some point, correct?
Yeah, he said that when he told me that I was traded to Minnesota. You definitely recall correctly.

The Phillies had the chance but didn't act on it.
They had a chance to get me back, but they chose to pass on me. Maybe it had something to do with the lack of success I had in Minnesota. Maybe they thought I was done.

How do you think Phillies fans will react when you return to Citizens Bank Park?
I think it'll be all right. The only negative I had when I was there was when I pitched when I was hurt.

And when you pitched after getting hit with the stomach flu a half hour before making a start against Atlanta.
That was a bad day, man. Somehow I got through that.

WORLEY WAS 18-13 WITH A 3.50 ERA IN THREE SEASONS WITH THE PHILLIES FROM 2010 TO 2012.

Vance Worley has his best ERA (3.05) in Pittsburgh since his 2011 season with the Phillies (3.01). / ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Nationals 3, Phillies 2

LaRoche leads Nationals to win over Phils

Adam LaRoche put the Nationals on his back as they pulled out a narrow 3-2 win over Cole Hamels and the Phillies on Sunday.

LaRoche hit solo home runs off Hamels in the second and fourth innings, while Scott Hairson drove in the game-winning run on a sac fly in the sixth.

Hamels allowed all three runs in 6 1/3 innings as he dropped to 8-7 on the season. Gio Gonzalez earned the win for Washington. METRO

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Phillies fans loved the fire and emotion. You used to yell at the opposing dugout. You hurled expletives along with fastballs at your adversaries. Who else does that?
[Laughs] It's all about going out and competing. Some guys keep that fire with them and I have it.

What did you think about the report in which someone from the Phillies organization allegedly stated that you'll revert back to what you did in Minnesota.
I heard that and it definitely fuels me. I'm pumped up about pitching in Philadelphia again.

Who had the biggest impact on you when you were with the Phillies?
Probably Roy Halladay. He had such an amazing work ethic.

He also asked you about your memory. You told him you had a good memory. He said, "Forget about your memory" when it comes to pitching.
That was pretty funny. He was a great influence.

He also experienced what you went through when he was demoted to the minors early in his career.
I can definitely relate. Last spring I was removed from the Twins roster and nobody claimed me. They asked in Triple-A if I would be a setup guy and I said, "Sure." Then I ended up with the Pirates and they turned me back into a starter.

How similar is the Pirates clubhouse to the Phillies circa 2011?
It's very similar. Look around here. It's a great group of guys who expect to win every game just like 2011.

Do you keep in touch with many Phillies?
Not so much. When they played here [in July] I reminisced with some of the guys and talked to some of the coaches.

What is the biggest bonus about returning to Philly?
I'll be able to sleep in my own bed. That will be awesome. But I will be so pumped up to pitch. I better pitch well. I'll have all of my wife's family and friends there. ... I'm excited. I'm going back home with my team, which I hope will make the playoffs.

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'Loved every bit'

Worley plans to stay in Philly during offseason as family grows

You told Metro after you were traded that you were one of the few guys in the Phillies clubhouse who loved everything about playing in Philadelphia.
I loved every bit of playing there. The fans are great and so is the city. I loved it enough to marry a girl from Philadelphia and that's where we spent our offseason. Last winter was brutal. I heard this winter will be as bad or worse. I'm trying to convince my wife to move down to our place in Florida. But we're going to be in Philly for awhile. That's where we'll be when we have our baby.

When is the baby due?
After the season. We planned it that way.

Is it a boy or girl?
I'm keeping that a surprise for now. I'll let you know during the playoffs.

By the numbers

6.75

Worley has a 6.75 ERA in his two postseason appearances, both in 2011 with the Phillies.

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